

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace Table 2 with the following table:

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| Recombinant Strain | ATCC Deposit No. | Properties |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| DH10B(ptac-85, pRV480) | | Overexpresses pantothenate kinase |
| DH10B(pGS367, pRV480) | | Overexpresses pantothenate kinase and pyruvate dehydrogenase |
| DH10B(ptac-85, pATCA) | | Overexpresses pantothenate kinase expression plasmid where the <i>panK</i> gene is under the control of the <i>lac</i> promoter and additionally containing the <i>ATFfat2</i> gene under the control of the <i>ptb</i> promoter |
| DH10B(pGS367, pATCA) | | Overexpresses pantothenate kinase expression plasmid where the <i>panK</i> gene is under the control of the <i>lac</i> promoter and additionally containing the <i>ATFfat2</i> gene under the control of the <i>ptb</i> promoter, and pyruvate dehydrogenase |
| YBS121 (pATCA, ptac-85) | | Overexpresses pantothenate kinase expression plasmid where the <i>panK</i> gene is under the control of the <i>lac</i> promoter and additionally containing the <i>ATFfat2</i> gene under the control of the <i>ptb</i> promoter |
| YBS121 (pATCA, pGS367) | | Overexpresses pantothenate kinase expression plasmid where the <i>panK</i> gene is under the control of the <i>lac</i> promoter and additionally containing the <i>ATFfat2</i> gene under the control of the <i>ptb</i> promoter, and pyruvate dehydrogenase |
| DH10B(pUC19) | | Control |
| DH10B(pRV380) | | Overexpresses <i>panK</i> PANK |
| DH10B(pKmAT, pUC19) | | Control Overexpresses ATF2 |
| DH10B(pKmAT, pRV380) | | Overexpresses <i>panK</i> -ATF2 and pantothenate kinase |